

## OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) Program of the Department of Labor & Industry has full authority from the U.S. Department of Labor to administer occupational safety and health plan enforcement through the VOSH program for general industry, construction, agriculture, and public sector employers.

Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) retains jurisdiction and exercises direct enforcement for private sector employers in maritime, shipyard, marine terminal, longshoring, and gear certification. It also retains jurisdiction for employment at work sites on certain federal military facilities or federal enclaves.

### Office of Cooperative Programs

The Office of Cooperative Programs provides general guidance to help companies establish employee safety and health programs. Consultation Services Staff conduct free on-site consultation with employers to assist them achieve compliance with safety and health standards. Specific and comprehensive surveys of the workplace can also be carried out by the staff at the employer's request. The consultants provide reports identifying hazards and recommending corrective measures, as well as conduct employee training if needed.

**Contact:** For additional information, please contact the *Virginia Department of Labor & Industry* at (703) 392-0900. See the appendix for the address of the Virginia Department of Labor & Industry.

### Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement

Safety compliance officers and industrial hygienists from the divisions of Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement in the Department of Labor and Industry make routine scheduled inspections of industrial firms and construction sites throughout Virginia. In addition to investigating complaints from employees and their representatives, fatal accidents and catastrophes, the Safety and Health Enforcement divisions also conduct informal conferences between the agency and the affected employers and employees. Virginia law authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry to assess civil penalties for cited violations.

**Contact:** *Virginia Department of Labor & Industry, (703) 392-0900.*

### Radiation Control

The Virginia Department of Health's Bureau of Radiological Health conducts inspections of work places containing potential radiation health hazards. The inspection schedule is based on requests, complaints, previous inspection reports, and facility size and type. Consultation services are also available from the Bureau.

All radiation machines, with certain exceptions, must be registered with the Bureau of Radiological Health. All X-ray machines used in the healing arts must also be certified for use. The Bureau also has responsibility for licensing all persons who acquire radioactive materials not otherwise subject to federal regulations. Radiation limits and personnel protection procedures are contained in *Radiation*

*Protection Regulations*, available from the Virginia Department of Health.

Persons who conduct radon screening, testing, or mitigation must be listed as proficient by the U.S. Environmental Agency. Copies of this list as well as other publications can be obtained from the Virginia Department of Health.

**Contact:** For additional information, please contact the *Virginia Department of Health, Bureau of Radiological Health* at (800) 468-0138 or (804) 786-5932. See the appendix for the Virginia Department of Health, Radiological Health's address.

### **Boilers and Pressure Vessels**

The Division of Boiler Safety and Enforcement of the Department of Labor and Industry is responsible for assuring the inspection and certification of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, and alteration of all boilers and pressure vessels in Virginia. Boiler and pressure vessel inspections may be conducted by insurance inspectors and private fee inspectors who are commissioned by Boiler Safety.

**Contact:** For additional information, please contact the *Virginia Department of Labor & Industry* at (703) 392-0900, or the *Division of Boiler Safety and Enforcement* at (804) 786-3169. See the appendix for the address.